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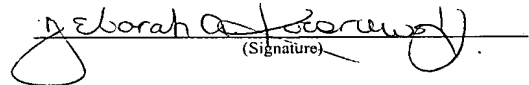
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Applicants submit herewith on Form PTO/SB/08 a listing of the documents cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Parent Application Serial No. 09/877,716, filed June 8, 2001 (now issued as U.S. 6,645,261). As provided in 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of documents, which were previously submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified parent application, are not being provided herewith. In order to facilitate prosecution, however, Applicants will provide the Examiner with additional copies of any of the cited documents upon request.

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The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

PCT Patent Application WO 96/14373 discloses a mixture for use in a burning device which includes a wick. The mixture includes at least one stearin component, such as stearic acid, palmitic acid and/or wax, added to an oil to produce the burning mixture.

Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.

In addition to the references cited on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08, it is Applicants' understanding that a triacylglycerol stock, which has composition substantially corresponding to that disclosed for Formulation I in Example 1 of U.S. 6,645,261, was sold in the United States in June 1999 by Cargill Incorporated.

It is Applicants' understanding that candles formed from soybean oil-based waxes, which had compositions substantially corresponding to those described in Examples 2 and 3 of U.S. 6,645,261, were sold in the United States as early as July/August 1999, by Self-Help Candleworks, Inc. (Cedar Rapids, Iowa).

It is Applicants' understanding that a candle wax having characteristics substantially as shown below was sold and/or commercially sampled in the United States as early as October 2000. ("TAG" – Triacylglycerol; "TAG Composition" – fatty acid composition of TAG fraction; "MDP" – melting point; "Total TAG" – total TAG content).

	Oct. 2000 Candle <u>Wax Blend</u>
TAG Composition	
≤14:0	0.4 %
C16:0	16 %
C18:0	27-28 %
C18:1	52-53 %
C18:2	2-3 %
≥C20	0.4 %
Total TAG	100 %
MDP	128°F
Iodine Value	circa 55

It is Applicant's understanding that a candle wax having characteristics substantially as shown below was sold and/or commercially sampled in the United States by Redwood Candle Company (Redwood Falls, Minnesota) as early as March 2001.

	<u>Redwood Candle Wax Blend</u>
TAG Composition	
C16:0	10-11 %
C18:0	31-32 %
C18:1	54-55 %
C18:2	1 %
Total TAG	99+ %
MDP	123°F
Iodine Value	48-50

It is Applicant's understanding that a triglyceride candle wax having characteristics substantially as shown below was sold and/or commercially sampled in the United States as early as April, 2001.

	<u>Triglyceride Candle Wax Blend</u>
TAG Composition	
C16:0	17 %
C18:0	26 %
C18:1	53-54 %
C18:2	≤ 1 %
Total TAG	100 %
MDP	125-128°F
Iodine Value	48-52


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